

# **FAMILY LITERACY RESOURCES**

## **National Organizations**

### **The National Institute for Literacy**

A federal agency, NIFL provides leadership on literacy issues, including the improvement of reading instruction for children, youth, and adults.

<http://www.nifl.gov/>

### **The National Center for Family Literacy**

NCFL pioneered the approach that puts family at the forefront of educational reform. Since 1989, NCFL has provided the leadership to solve our national literacy problem through advocacy, initiatives, research, and the convening a national conference.

<http://www.famlit.org/>

### **The National Even Start Association (N.E.S.A.)**

This membership organization is comprised of a group of professionals dedicated to supporting high quality services in Even Start Family Literacy programs. N.E.S.A. supports Even Start programs in all 50 states and the territories, Tribal Even Start programs, Migrant Even Start programs and Even Start programs in prisons housing women and children.

<http://www.evenstart.org/>

### **The National Council of Teachers of English**

Since 1911, NCTE has worked to advance teaching, research, and student achievement in English language arts at all scholastic levels. Through this link, you can find ideas for activities parents can do at home.

<http://www.ncte.org/>

## **Selected University Resources**

### **Harvard Family Involvement Network of Educators**

The Family Involvement Network of Educators (FINE) is a national network of over 8,000 people who are interested in promoting strong partnerships between children's educators, their families, and their communities. FINE's membership is composed of faculty in higher education, school professionals, directors and trainers of community-based and national organizations, parent leaders, and graduate students. This site provides a newsletter, program descriptions, and resources for research, evaluation, and training,

<http://www.gse.harvard.edu/hfrp/projects/fine.html>

### **Family Literacy Resource Notebook**

Ohio Literacy Resource Center

Connie Sapin, Kent State University

This online book contains a description of family literacy and the organizations that are doing programs, plus a guide to starting a program, finding partners and funding, and writing a grant proposal. The notebook goes on to present sample curriculum, tips for staff selection and retention, public relations, and evaluation

<http://literacy.kent.edu/Oasis/famlitnotebook/>

### **Selected Foundations**

#### **The Goodling Institute**

The Mission of the Goodling Institute is to improve family literacy education through research and its application to practice and professional development. The Institute provides national leadership to support and maintain high quality, integrated programs for families with educational needs and posts valuable research summaries online.

<http://www.ed.psu.edu/goodlinginstitute/>

#### **The Barbara Bush Foundation**

One of the primary foundations funding family literacy programs, this site contains descriptions of statewide initiatives that they sponsor and lessons learned from the experience of programs funded by them

<http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/>